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SUBJECT: OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL: STATEMENT ON THE CLOSURE  
OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY PARTY IN TURKEY

Madam Chair,

The United States wishes to make the following points  
regarding the decision by the Constitutional Court of Turkey  
to close the Democratic Society Party and the violence that  
has occurred in its aftermath.

We believe that Turkey's democratic system should continue to  
advance political freedoms for all its citizens. Measures  
that limit or restrain these freedoms should be exercised  
with extreme caution.

We encourage the Government of Turkey to continue its  
commendable efforts to ensure that all Turkish citizens fully  
exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. We  
encourage all political actors in Turkey to pursue  
reconciliation, reflect democratic values, and refrain from  
the use or encouragement of violence.

Thank you Madam Chair.

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